Dear Dan, 10/19/77

And Nikki, who we are glad suffers nothing permanent from her accident.

Please excuse and understand the hast of my response to your 10/16, here today. And my use of some really old paper I found, part of the contending/surviving mechanism. I use everything because, as Lil groans weekly or more frequently, we are giving so much to the government in the productive FOIA matters - much more than we live on.

I not only have not had time to do any searching - I'm about 8,000 pages behind in just looking at FBI files that now really are pouring in because they stipulated full compliance by the end of the month. I'm doing this instead of going to bed and looking at the opera on public TV. The last two were great!

They have to deliver the King files of five more field offices within 10 days.

I have to have records for Jim on getting what they are still holding back, in addition to reading them all and being able to tell the judge they have not really complied to prevent the case from being mooted with the FBI as defendant on the spurious claim to full compliance. So there is much work and little time.

I have less time because of the unrelieved circulatory problems. In the morning I have my weekly blood test of the clotting factor and in the afternoon an appointment with the doctor because the rat poison (fol lit) I take in a fairly heavy dosage has not restored this to more than half of normal, if Lil correctly understood the message after last week's test. And the impairment of the artery or arteries has denied me some of the strength that remained when only the veins were shot.

If any more Somersett records show up I'll make copies as I come to them. We now have a machine that does not present the problems we used to have in making copies. Only cost from all the essential copies!

But I'm sure I told you the essence- the FBI's records I've obtained do not contain any reference to what he told the Miami police after the assassination.

Nothing on Milteer has shoed up but I'll be getting the Atlanta files. If not in them I'll raise questions. I don8t recall if Miami too but maybe not.

I've gone through the relevant HQ and Memphis files. Nix on Milteer et al.

Repeat your McLaney et al request of CIA to DJ, specifying each and every component you can think of, not just FBI or Criminal or Organized Crime Task Force. Include known associates and send to AG. Then say all components known in addition to those you list.

On fees: they are required to gove you an estimate in advance. If the amount is small you can pay it reserving the right to recover. I've been 40% successful with FBI and will soon move for the remaining 60%.

Specify field offices and things like that where you can because their standard dodge is to pretend all is in FBI HQ. Not true at all. Include yourself, personal files. You may get records that way you might not get other ways. I have already and they have not begun to comply.

Hope the Miami mag sit works out well. The Chamber of Commerce bit is ruinous but owners are often stupid, thinking t ey'll hold a readership with their interests.

Lil, who is knitting to the opera, send her best. Even the dog - we are dog sitting again - would want to be remebered to the cat sans tailif the dog knew.

Best,